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REMARKS

Claims 1 – 28 are pending in the present Application. Claims 1 – 16 and 28 are allowed, Claims 17 -- 22 and 27 have been cancelled without prejudice, and Claims 1, 12, 23, and 28, have been amended, leaving Claims 23 – 26, and 28 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment.

Claim 1 has been amended to make it consistent with Claim 2; that the wavelength and/or intensity can change over time. Claims 23 and 28 have been amended in a similar fashion. Support for these amendments can at least be found in Claims 1 and 2 as originally filed, as well as in Paragraphs [0044] and [0046].

Claim 12 has been amended merely to correct a typographical error.

Claims 23 and 28 have been redrafted in independent form.

The Specification has been amended consistent with the claims and to correct a grammatical error. Support for this amendment can at least be found in Claims 1 and 2 as originally filed, as well as in Paragraphs [0044] and [0046].

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 17 – 22 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,162,869 to Sharma et al. Although Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, Claims 17 – 22 and 27 have been cancelled without prejudice, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 23 – 26 and 28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 23 and 28 have been redrafted in independent form. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

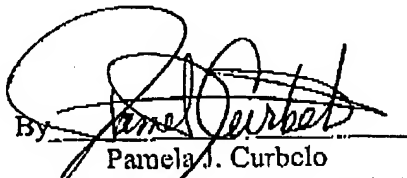
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It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and rejection, and allowance of the case are respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-0893.

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